

**REMARKS**

Prior to this Response, Claims 1-29 were pending in this application. Claims 1, 6, 8, and 9 have been amended. Claims 5, 7, 12, 13, and 18-29 have been canceled. Claims 30-36 have been added. Therefore, Claims 1-11, 14-17, and 30-36 remain presented for examination. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application in view of the amendments and following remarks.

**Examiner Interview**

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the telephone interview on February 9, 2005 with Applicant and Applicant's representative Melissa Haapala. The amendments made to the claims are believed to conform with the amendments discussed with the Examiner to put the claims in condition of allowance.

**Claim Rejections**

Claims 1, 2, 6-11, 14-15 and 17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,742,799 to Schlitz (hereinafter "Schlitz"). Claims 1-5, 8-11, 14, 15 and 17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,718,876 to Lee (hereinafter "Lee"). Claim 16 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schlitz. Applicants respectfully submit that the cited references do not teach or suggest all of the recitations of these claims as amended.

In particular, claim 1, as amended, recites a "bedding structure including filler material, the filler material forming an open cavity in an upper face of the filler material, the cavity to receive soothing means." As discussed with the Examiner, neither Schlitz nor Lee teach or suggest these recitations. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submits that claim 1, and its dependent claims 2, 6, 8-11, and 14-15 are allowable.

**New Claims**

No new matter has been added by new claims 30-36. Claim 30 depends from claim 1. Claim 31 recites a bedding structure including filler material and a cover. The cover

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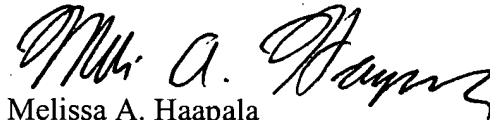
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surrounds and encloses the filler material and forms a cavity exteriorly to the filler material and projected into the filler material, the open cavity to receive soothing means. Applicant respectfully submits that these recitations conform to recitations discussed with the Examiner that are not taught or suggested by the cited references.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant believes all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

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